



# **Kenya Shippers Council**

## ***The Voice of Cargo Owners***

**Kenya Shippers Council Quarterly Progress Report**

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## **1. Summary**

The third quarter activities were centred on advocacy issues aimed at improving efficiency at the port and on the logistics chain. Two major milestones were achieved in this regard namely, the appointment of a board of directors for KENTRADE and the gazettment of the Commercial Maritime Regulations of the Merchant Shipping Act. Prior to the gazettment of the maritime regulations, KSC had organized a competitive forum with maritime stakeholders in Mombasa to discuss strategies to push for the gazettment of these regulations. This report discusses in detail the specifics of these activities as undertaken between July and September 2011.

### **1.1. Summary of Key Activities and Accomplishments over the Reporting Quarter**

#### **1.1.1. Member Services and Advocacy**

KSC and KPA held a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at KSC headquarters to discuss operational challenges at the port and strategies to address these challenges. This meeting was attended by among others:

- Mr. Gilbert Langat, CEO KSC
- Eng. Joseph Atonga, Chief Operations Manager
- Mr. Amos S. Wangora, Principal Operations Manager (in-charge of CFSSs)
- Mr. Charles Kisewa – Snr. Customer Care Officer
- Mr. Symon K. Wahome, Manager, Inland Container Depots
- Agayo Ogambi, Membership Development Officer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss short term measures to improve port efficiency and cargo clearance times. A detailed report on the proceedings of this meeting is attached in annex II of this report.



ICD Manager Simon Wahome (left) and KSC CEO Gilbert Langat (right) during the KSC – KPA meeting

The KSC newsletter issue No. 5 of September 2011 was sent out on the month of September. The issue contains a number of topical discussions that include the following:

- Maritime Regulations: What is the way forward?
- 56 Tonnes it is, say EAC Partner States

- KRA on Export of Perishables
- Proposed KAA Parking Rates not effected
- Council launches online Information Database
- Tripartite Meeting on elimination of NTBs
- COMESA and CIDA to fund SW initiatives

The entire newsletter can be found on the KSC website by following this link <http://www.kenyashippers.org/component/acajoom/mailling/view/listid-1/maillingid-8/Itemid-9.html>

### **1.1.2. Knowledge Management**

A draft policy paper on Axle Load Regulations and Weighbridge Management is currently under the editing process. It is hoped that this paper will be published and widely circulated in the fourth quarter.

The quarterly tracking of transit performance indicators has been modified to include a set of variables that had not previously been captured. This set of transit data will be shared with the COMPETE Transit team by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 since the process of data collection is currently still underway.

Two consultancies were directly contracted by COMPETE on behalf of KSC during the second quarter to develop the following pieces of works:

- East Africa's Handbook for Regional and International Trade
- The Directory of Logistics Service Providers

Correspondence between the KSC secretariat and COMPETE transit team indicates that a scope of works for publishing these tow pieces of work has been circulated.

### **Membership Development**

KSC membership has increased from 56 to 60 over the third quarter period. Membership retention has hit the 100% mark as all the current membership has paid up its annual subscription.

## **2. Planned Activities for the Second Quarter of 2011**

- Scoping mission to Uganda and Rwanda to develop strategic partnerships with BMOs and PSOs in these countries
- Workshop on Women in Logistics in partnership with FEAFFA
- Publish policy paper on Unlocking the EAC Axle Load Stalemate

## **3. Key challenges Encountered and Proposals for Future Programme Implementation**

The COMPETE project is coming to an end and most of the project activities are on their final stretch. The third quarter was quite slow as most of the activities undertaken had minimal or no budgetary implications. One of the major challenges encountered during the project period was lack of effective communication channels between KSC staff and the COMPETE project team. This issues were clearly highlighted in a meeting held between COMPETE Transit Team and the KSC secretariat on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011. The general agreement of this meeting was that the two teams will work towards enhancing their communication in future.